

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereinafter

1. (Previously Presented) A television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to navigate to an individual television service, said STT coupled to a programmable television services server device, said STT comprising:

memory for storing data;

an interactive program guide contained in said memory for displaying program information received by said STT from said server device;

configuration information contained in said memory, said configuration information comprising a plurality of initial guide arrangements and a selection indication that denotes one of said plurality of initial guide arrangements as a selected initial guide arrangement; and

a processor configured to cause said STT to initially display said program information according to said selected initial guide arrangement, said processor responsive to said interactive program guide, said configuration information, and said first user input, .

2. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a time format, including a centered and highlighted (“in-focus”) lowest channel of a plurality of channels in a channel portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and a listing by time of future programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels shown and in said channel portion of said selected initial guide arrangement.

3. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 2, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) program on the current viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide

arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

4. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 2, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) program on a user pre-configured viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

5. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 2, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

6. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a theme format displaying a first alphabetical theme in a theme portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said first alphabetical theme shown in said theme portion of said selected initial guide arrangement.

7. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current theme format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) current viewing program for a current time slot centered in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a theme category corresponding to said current viewing program in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

8. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 6, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new theme not corresponding to said current viewing program

in said theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new theme.

9. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured theme format including a user pre-configured theme highlighted in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and programs corresponding to said user pre-configured theme in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

10. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

11. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a title format displaying a first alphabetical category in a title portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said first alphabetical category.

12. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 11, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current title format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) current viewing program for a current time slot centered in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a title category in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said current viewing program.

13. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 11, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new title category not corresponding to said current viewing program in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by

time of a plurality of programs in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new title category.

14. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 11, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured title format including a user pre-configured title highlighted in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and programs corresponding to said user pre-configured title in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.
15. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 11, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.
16. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a browse-by menu format including a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user.
17. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 16, wherein a default menu format is a browse-by time format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.
18. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 17, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current time format selectable from said browse-by menu, said current time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) current viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

19. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 16, wherein a default menu format is a browse-by theme format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

20. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 19, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current theme format selectable from said browse-by menu, said current theme format including a current viewing program for a current time slot highlighted (“in-focus”) in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a theme category corresponding to said current viewing program in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

21. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 20, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new theme not corresponding to said current viewing program in said theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new theme.

22-48 (Cancelled)

49. (New) A television set-top terminal (“STT”) for enabling a user to navigate to a television service, the STT being communicatively coupled to a remote server and comprising:

- a tuner configured to receive program guide data and television programs;
- at least one processor that is responsive to instructions contained in respective software applications; and
- memory configured to store the program guide data and the software applications, said memory including:
 - a first section of memory configured to store program guide data received via the tuner, said program guide data including television program information corresponding to respective television channels and to respective television programs including a first and second plurality of television programs, the first plurality of television programs being scheduled to start at a plurality of respective future times, and the second plurality of television programs being currently accessible by an STT user via the STT;
 - a second section of memory configured to store a plurality of configurations for structured visual presentations of the program guide data, the plurality of configurations including a first type of configuration and a second type of configuration;
 - a third section of memory configured to store the software applications including a television program guide application;
- wherein the first type of configuration includes television program information sorted in a first direction according to corresponding values of a first parameter for displaying television program information;
- wherein the second type of configuration includes television program information sorted in the first direction according to corresponding values of a second parameter for displaying television program information and in a second direction according to corresponding values of a time parameter, wherein the second parameter is different from the first parameter;
- wherein at least one of the plurality of configurations for structured visual presentations corresponds to an initial television program guide presentation that is output by

the STT responsive to user input received by the STT while the STT is outputting a television program to a television;

wherein said at least one of the plurality of configurations corresponds to one of the first type of configuration and the second type of configuration;

wherein the television program guide application is configured to enable the STT to output portions of program guide data within the plurality of configurations for structured visual presentations;

wherein responsive to the user input received by the STT while the STT is outputting a television program, the at least one processor is configured to:

retrieve the at least one of the plurality of configurations corresponding to the initial television program guide presentation from the second section of memory;

retrieve portions of the program guide data from the first section of memory, said portions of the program guide data corresponding to predetermined values of the first or second parameter;

construct the initial television program guide presentation using the at least one of the plurality of configurations and the portions of the program guide data; and

output a television signal that includes the initial television program guide presentation including the retrieved portions of program guide data.

50. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the initial television program guide presentation has the first type of configuration.

51. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the initial television program guide presentation has the second type of configuration.

52. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the television signal that includes the initial television program guide presentation also includes a portion of the television program being output by the STT when the user input is received.

53. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the second type of configuration includes information corresponding to a television program having a future start time that is within a predetermined range from a current time.

54. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the initial television program guide presentation includes a highlighted television program title corresponding to a predetermined value of the first or second parameter and to a future start time that is within a predetermined range of a current time.

55. (New) The STT of claim 54, wherein the television signal includes additional television program information corresponding to the highlighted television program title.

56. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the television signal includes at least one icon depicting a user input key on an input device configured to provide user input to the STT, and, wherein responsive to a user input provided by the user input key the television signal is configured to include a modified structured visual presentation that is different than the initial television program guide presentation.

57. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to enable the STT to receive the program guide data via the tuner and to update at least a portion of the first section of the memory responsive to the STT receiving a message from the remote server.

58. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to enable the STT to receive the plurality of configurations for structured visual presentations from the remote server via the tuner and to store the plurality of configurations in the second section of the memory.

59. (New) The STT of claim 58, wherein the value of the first and second parameters is determined responsive to data received from the remote server.

60. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the value of the first and second parameters is determined responsive to user input received by the STT.
61. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the second parameter corresponds to television channel numbers.
62. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the first parameter corresponds to a theme of television programs identified in a corresponding television program guide.
63. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the first parameter corresponds to alphanumeric characters.
64. (New) The STT of claim 49, wherein the at least one of the plurality of configurations for structured visual presentations corresponding to the initial television program guide presentation is selected responsive to user input provided to the STT.

65. (New) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (“STT”), the method comprising:
- outputting by the STT a list of initial television program guide configurations to a television;
- receiving by the STT a first user input corresponding to one of the initial television program guide configurations;
- storing by the STT information corresponding to said one of the initial television program guide configurations responsive to receiving the first user input;
- receiving by the STT a second user input while the STT is outputting a first television program;
- accessing said information corresponding to said one of the initial television program guide configurations responsive to receiving the second user input;
- providing by the STT a first television program guide screen configured according to said one of the initial television program guide configurations responsive to receiving the second user input, said first television program guide screen including a plurality of television program titles corresponding to respective television programs, wherein said plurality of television program titles include a first television program title corresponding to said first television program;
- receiving by the STT a third user input corresponding to a second television program title identified by said plurality of television program titles; and
- outputting by the STT to the television a second television program corresponding to said second television program title responsive to receiving the third user input.
66. (New) The method of claim 65, wherein the first television program guide screen includes rows and columns of television program titles.
67. (New) The method of claim 65, wherein the first television program title is highlighted in the first television program guide screen.